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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION CRITICISM OF WESTERN DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

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1. FBIS TEXT OF AFP DISPATCH CONCAINS ACCURATE SUMMARY OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CONFERENCE OF OMVS LABOR LEADERS MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT JULY 28 AND 29. OMVS LABOR LEADERS DECRIED WHAT THEY CONSIDER A PITTANCE IN AID COMPARED TO THE PUBLICITY THE DROUGHT RECEIVED IN "THE WESTERN PRESS" AND THE "PROCRASTINATION" IN THE GIVING OF AID FOR SUCH MAJOR PROJECTS AS THE MANANTALI DAM. THE COMMUNIQUE SALUTES THE EFFORTS OF THE SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE DROUGHT AND URGES FURTHER UNITY. THE COUNTRIES WHO ARE ACCUSED OF GIVING AID "TO ASSUAGE THEIR CONSCIENCE" ARE NOT NAMED.

2. SEC GEN OF UNION DES TRAVAILLEURS DE MAURITANIA (UTM) CHEIKH ROBERT MELAININE WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE TOLD CHARGE THAT CRITICISM OF "WESTERN DROUGHT AID DONORS" WAS DIRECTED EXCLUSIVELY AT FRANCE. SEC GEN SAID THAT MOST OF THE OMVS

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LABOR LEADERS HAD BEEN IN FRANCE RECENTLY AND HAD SEEN

FRENCH TELEVISION COVERAGE OF DROUGHT WHICH THEY FELT WAS "EXAGGERATED" AND DID NOT REFLECT THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS. HE ADDED THAT CONSIDERING FRANCE'S LONG STANDING CONNECTION WITH THE SAHELIAN NATIONS THEIR AID WAS MEAGER.

3. THE SEC GEN SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY ASKED THE MIN HEALTH FOR FIGURES ON U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRY DROUGHT AID TO MAURITANIA. HE SAID U.S. DROUGHT AID "WAS OF VALUE," TIMELY, AND APPRECIATED.

4. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE BEING POUCHED DEPT FOR AF/N.

5. DECON ON RECEIPT.
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